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**RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR 1.116
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE**

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Title: IMAGE PROCESSING APPARATUS

**AMENDMENT and REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION
UNDER 37 CFR 1.116**

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Sir:

This is a response to the final Office Action dated March 17, 2006. It is proposed to amend the above-referenced patent application as set forth below.

Please cancel claim 7 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please amend claim 1 and add new claims 11-13 as set forth in the "Amendments to the Claims" on pages 2 and 3 of this response.